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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 25, 1998

APPLICATION OF

WILDWOOD FOREST WATER COMPANY, INC.

CASE NO. PUE980329

For a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the furnishing of water

ORDER AMENDING SCHEDULE FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR HEARING

On May 27, 1998, Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc.

("Wildwood" or "the Company") filed with the Clerk of the State

Corporation Commission an application to obtain a Certificate of

Public Convenience and Necessity. In its application, the

Company requests authority to provide water service to the

Wildwood Forest subdivision in Culpeper and Rappahannock

Counties, Virginia.1

By filings dated September 3 and September 17, 1998, the Company amended its application, stating that it now requests authority to provide water service only to lots 15-89 of the

accompanying pipes and fixtures, will be transferred from Wildwood Forest, Inc. to Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc. in the near future.

Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc. has been serving the subdivision, and currently there are 75 meter boxes installed with the water lines completed. Additionally, while the water system is comprised of three well lots, only Well Lot #1 (between Lots 66 and 67) currently is owned by the Company. According to the application, Well Lots #2 and #3, along with the

Wildwood Forest subdivision. The Company also made various changes to its Rate Schedule, Rules and Regulations, in large part to more accurately reflect that it bills for water service on a semi-annual basis.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the Company's amended application, is of the opinion and finds that the Company should revise its Notice of Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and that the public should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing on the amended application after receiving this revised notice. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The Company shall make a copy of its amended application and exhibits available for public inspection in the Reference Section, Culpeper County Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Center, Culpeper, Virginia during the library's regular business hours.
- (2) On or before November 5, 1998, any interested person wishing to comment on the amended application shall address such comments to: William J. Bridge, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 and shall refer to Case No. PUE980329. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to the Company as follows: Thomas M. Moore, Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc., 101 Winchester Street, Warrenton, Virginia 20186.

- (3) On or before November 5, 1998, any person desiring a hearing in this matter shall file a request for hearing in writing with William J. Bridge, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 and shall refer in his or her request to Case No. PUE980329. A copy of such request simultaneously shall be sent to the Company as follows: Thomas M. Moore, Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc., 101 Winchester Street, Warrenton, Virginia 20186.
- (4) Appropriate members of the Commission's Staff shall investigate the amended application and shall submit, on or before December 4, 1998, a report presenting their findings and recommendations.
- (5) In conjunction with its October 1998 billing, the Company shall mail the following notice to all of its customers and lot owners in the Wildwood Forest subdivision in Culpeper County, Virginia:

NOTICE OF AMENDED APPLICATION OF WILDWOOD FOREST WATER COMPANY, INC.
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
CASE NO. PUE980329

Notice hereby is given that Wildwood Forest Water Company ("the Company") has amended its May 27, 1998 application submitted to the State Corporation Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. In its amended application, the Company requests authority to provide water service to lots 15-89 in a subdivision known as Wildwood Forest in Culpeper County, Virginia. The Company proposes the following tariff for water service:

WATER RATES

- 1. Basic Service Fee: \$96.00 semiannually
 - 2. Usage Fee: \$2.50 per 1,000 gal.
 - 3. Minimum Charge:
 There shall be a semi-annual
 minimum service charge of \$96.00
 for water service, and no bill
 will be rendered for less than the
 minimum charge. The minimum
 service charge shall become
 effective when the water service
 is connected to the lot.

The Company bills its customers on a semi-annual basis (every April $1^{\rm st}$ and October $1^{\rm st}$) in arrears.

Before providing water service, the Company may require of any customer a cash deposit or other suitable guarantee to secure the performance by the customer of the terms and conditions of the Company under which water service is supplied. The maximum amount of any deposit shall not exceed the customer's estimated liability for two months' usage.

Upon a customer's request, the Company will perform a meter test. If such a test has been conducted within the past 24 months and the meter has an average error less than or equal to two (2) percent, the customer will be charged the actual cost of the test, \$15. If the meter's average error is greater than two (2) percent, there will be no customer charge.

The Company proposes a turn-on charge of \$25 to restore service in the event it has been discontinued for nonpayment of any bill or for violation of the Company's Rules and Regulations of service. Additionally, the Company proposes a bad check charge of \$6.00 and a late payment charge of up to 1½ percent per month on any customer charges not timely paid. The Company has filed its Rules and Regulations of service as part of its amended application, the details of which may be reviewed by interested parties.

While the total revenue requirement that may be approved is limited to the amount of revenue produced by the Company's proposed rates, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that individual rates and charges approved by the Commission may be either higher or lower than those proposed by the Company.

A copy of the amended application is available for public inspection in the Reference Section, Culpeper County Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Center, Culpeper, Virginia during the library's regular business hours. The amended application also is available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the State Corporation Commission, Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Comments on the Company's amended application and/or requests for a hearing must be submitted on or before November 5, 1998 to the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 and shall refer to Case No. PUE980329. A copy of the comments and/or requests for hearing also must be sent to the Company as follows: Thomas M. Moore, Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc., 101 Winchester Street, Warrenton, Virginia 20186.

If no requests for hearing are received, a formal hearing with oral testimony may not be held and the Commission may make its decisions administratively, based upon papers filed in this proceeding.

WILDWOOD FOREST WATER COMPANY, INC.

- (6) The Company forthwith shall serve a copy of this Order on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of any county and upon the Mayor or Manager of any county, city, or town (or equivalent officials in counties, towns, and cities having alternate forms of government) lying within the Company's service area.² Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.
- (7) On or before October 15, 1998, the Company shall provide the Commission with proof of notice required in Ordering Paragraphs (5) and (6).

² By removing lots 1-5 from its proposed service territory, Wildwood Forest has restricted its service territory exclusively to Culpeper County. Accordingly, the Company need not serve notice on Rappahannock County.